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HOME LABOUR TROUBLES.
SHIPYARD LOCK-OUT IMMINENT.
COALFIELDS STOPPAGE POSSIBLE.
(*Reuter's General Service.*)
LONDON, April 10.
The Southampton strikers by an overwhelming majority have resolved not to return to work.
[The conference of the London shipyard unions involved in the Southampton strike reported that as there was not a two-thirds majority for continuing the strike the Executive of each affiliated Union had ordered the men to return to work. It was hoped this will avert the lock-out. The lock-out notices have been withdrawn in the case of the Shipwrights Society which expelled its twelve hundred Southampton members.]
COAL MINERS' DEMAND.
LONDON, April 10.
Mr. A. J. Cook, miners' agent in the Rhonda Valley, has been elected secretary of the Miners' Federation.
Formerly a Baptist preacher, he is a fluent speaker, a disciple of Karl Marx and an active participant in the so-called miners' minority movement.
Interviewed, he said it would be difficult to avert a stoppage on the coalfields unless the miners' demand for a living wage was conceded.
[The miners' delegate conference decided to take a ballot on the recommendation to reject the coal owners' final offer to increase the minimum rate of wages from 20 to 33 1/2 per cent. and to give 87 per cent. of any surplus to wages and 13 per cent. to profits instead of the present 83 per cent. and 17 per cent. division.]

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(*Reuter's General Service.*)
London, April 10.
On a free vote, the House of Commons, by 245 votes to 112 adopted a supplementary estimate of £70,000 to cover the cost of first-class railway vouchers for members between London and their constituencies.
Amendments to shelve project and also to provide only third-class passes, also to exclude Cabinets, were defeated.

CHURCH IN JAPAN.
RESTORING EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE.
(*Reuter's General Service.*)
London, April 10.
The Japanese Ambassador and other distinguished personages attended a meeting at the Mansion House presided over by the Lord Mayor to support a movement to raise £30,000 for the English Church in Tokyo and Yokohama Restoration Fund of which the Prince of Wales has agreed to become patron.
The Japanese Ambassador presented the Lord Mayor with a book containing the signatures of a thousand leading Japanese in Tokyo and Yokohama as an expression of gratitude for the help afforded by the Lord Mayors Earthquake Fund.

CHINA AND RUSSIA.
London, April 10.
The "Morning Post" hears from Helsingfors that in the course of an article in the "Isvestia" on Sino-Russian differences, M. Stekolnik writes that Japan, more than any other Power, has hastened to put pressure on the Chinese Government to prevent the concluding of an agreement with the Soviets, for Japan understands very well that the first point of the agreement is the placing of the Eastern Railway in the hands of Soviet Russia.
For this reason also, Japan is supporting the Chinese reactionaries and "White" Russians. Further, she will presently be able to exploit the attitude of the United States and France in the question of the railway.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS ARRIVE.
London, April 10.
Ten Russian delegates, accompanied by numerous secretaries and officials, including a number of women, arrived in London to attend the Anglo-Russian conference to discuss debts and Treaty questions. Mr. Lloyd was not present, but expected to arrive in six or seven days.

ARMED FOR CHINA.
London, April 10.
In the House of Commons, answering questions, Mr. Ponsonby stated that he was aware of attempts being made to ship from a European country large consignments of arms, and ammunition for war purposes in the East, and of attempts made to persuade a British shipping company to transport these munitions.
The attention of Lloyd's had been drawn to the China arms

PACIFIC DEFENCE.
AUSTRALIAN CO-OPERATION ASSURED.
VISITING ADMIRAL'S VIEWS.
(*Reuter's General Service.*)
SYDNEY, April 10.
Mr. S. M. Bruce, Premier of Australia, speaking at a dinner to the Admirals and senior officers of the Special Service Squadron, declared that the Government's decision to lay down two 10,000 ton cruisers was in the interests of Australia's own defence in order to provide the most useful co-operation with the British Navy.
The Government was convinced that in the interests of world peace the British Government's Singapore decision would not be final.
Vice-Admiral Field, replying, said that if the Dominions provided sufficient cruisers to guard their coast-lines while the main fleet was doing its proper business they could feel perfectly safe.
The most perfect base for Australian cruisers would be Port Darwin and there was an excellent repair base at Sydney.
FRANCE AND JAPAN.
DIPLOMATIC UNDERSTANDING?
SOME RECENT SIGNS.
LONDON, April 11.
Denying reports of the conclusion of a Japanese and Rumanian offensive alliance directed against Russia, the *Daily Telegraph's* diplomatic correspondent says it is believed, however, that a French and Japanese understanding now exists covering the Pacific and Chinese questions.
The correspondent refers to the recent co-operation between the French and Japanese Ministers at Tokyo and says it has not escaped notice that the Japanese delegate to the League Council who formerly voted on the side of Britain in Central European issues has voted with France at the two last sessions on questions like the Saar.

VISITING PARIS.
RUMANIAN SOVEREIGNS' COURTESY.
Political Significance?
(*Reuter's General Service.*)
Paris, April 10.
The Rumanian sovereigns have arrived primarily on an official visit after their Coronation in 1922, but the presence of the Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Duca, lends political significance.
There is unofficial talk of a Franco-Rumanian alliance following the Franco-Czech alliance.
M. Duca, interviewed said he hoped Russo-Rumanian negotiations as regards Bessarabia which recently broke down at Vienna might be resumed.

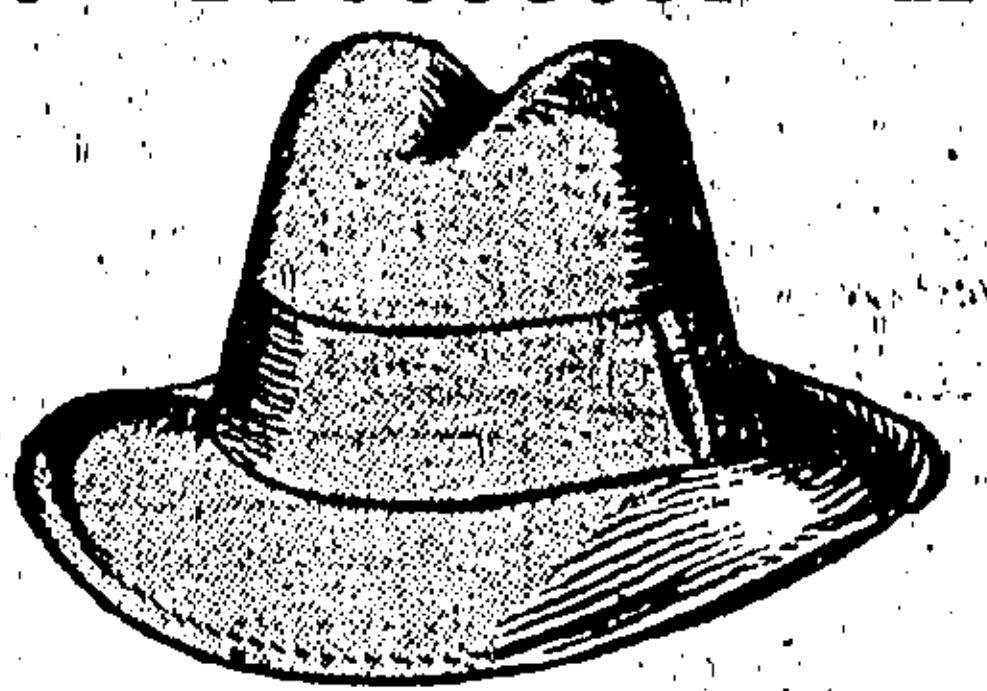
REPARATIONS SIGNBOARD.
London, April 10.
The experts' reports are received in London as the most prominent signboard hitherto erected on the Reparations road, rather than in any way indicating that the end of the journey is near.
Apart from Germany's attitude, the newspapers anticipate that the most likely snags to be met with will be: firstly, the fixation of the total sum payable by Germany, which the Committees are forbidden to discuss; secondly, oblique references to the absolute necessity of France abandoning the economic control of the Ruhr, except as a business proposal.
The reports are hailed as a solid achievement and as being, moreover, encouragingly unanimous.
Several commentators remark that the payment of \$125,000,000 annually is a very severe strain upon any nation; nevertheless the consensus of opinion plumps for the adoption of the reports, in the belief that the terms are well within Germany's capacity to accept.—Reuter.

FIGHT WITH PIRATES.
CHINESE GUNBOAT'S SUCCESS.
Several Junks Sunk.
(*Reuter's Pacific Service.*)
Shanghai, April 11.
The Chinese gunboat "Chao Wu" returned to Shanghai on Wednesday after dispersing two pirate junk fleets which were infesting Chekiang waters.
The first fleet of nine junks was encountered off Sze Foh Tu. After a two-hour fight the gunboat sank several junks, killing 24 pirates and capturing five. The chief of the gang, although wounded, jumped overboard and escaped.
The gunboat met and dispersed another fleet of six junks off Kaimeng. The casualties are not known.

ANOTHER TREATY.
(*Reuter's General Service.*)
The Hague, April 11.
The Second Chamber has approved the commercial treaty between Holland and Czechoslovakia.

PEACE WITH TURKEY.
London, April 10.
The House of Commons unanimously passed the third reading of the bill ratifying the Lausanne treaty.

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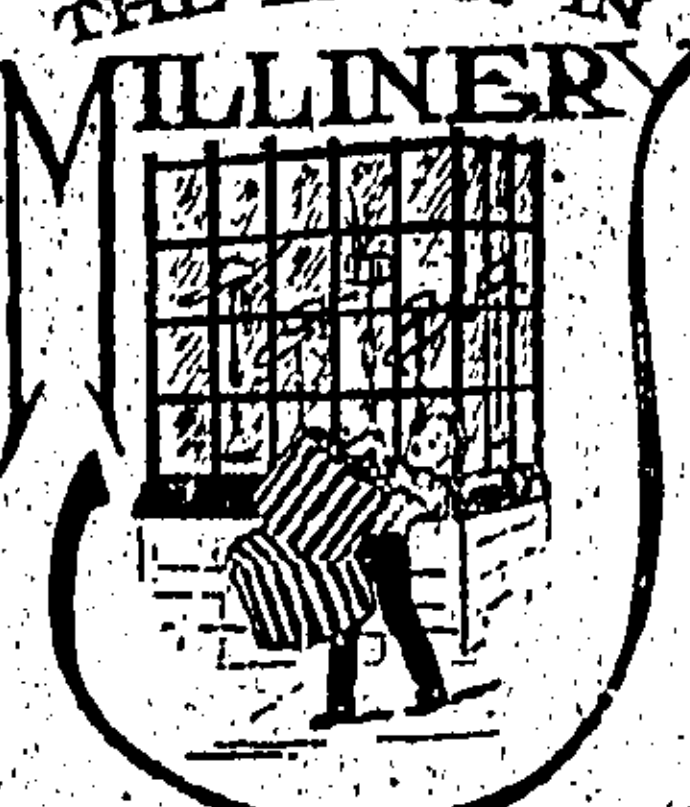
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Gifts for the Dolls' House.

One of the latest gifts accepted by the Queen for her dolls' house is a tiny basket, no bigger than a thimble, exquisitely woven in dyed grass (reports the *Evening Standard*). It is a perfect miniature of the baskets made by the natives of the Seychelles Islands, and is the gift of Mrs. George Pineknarl. Even the elaborate openwork border characteristic of this native craft has been copied, and no daintier shopping basket for the dolls could be imagined.

"Tipperary" and Its Composer.

No one was more surprised at the success of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" than its composer, Mr. Henry James Williams, whose death is announced. "Tipperary" was a favourite in the music halls of Blackpool, Ireland, and the Isle of Man, but it did not reach London until a war correspondent early at the front mentioned it as being sung by the first 100,000 in Flanders (points out a *Daily Express* writer). It became a national song at once, and reaped a fortune for all concerned.

Woman Manageress of Royal Dairy.

In the appointment of Miss E. M. Watson to be manageress of the King's dairy at Balmoral, the feminine sex another barrier down against which they have so long been fighting (says a writer in the *Westminster Gazette*). Yet the King is only following up a step he took during the war, when he appointed the Misses Hilda and Phyllis Hobson and their cousin, Miss Marjorie Maxfield, to look after his show cattle at Wolferton during the time the able-bodied men on the Sandringham estate were away on active service. The three girls, two of them London born, the third a native of Sheffield, in South Yorkshire, had been trained at the Hon. Mrs. Bathurst's farm school at Lydney, in Gloucestershire, and when they went to Wolferton lived in a cottage with Miss Maxfield's mother to care for them. For the work of these hardy women was very strenuous, demanding that they should be out and about by 6 a.m., and often keeping them going till after dark. These three must have been among the very first of their sex to take up this class of work in England. Pictures of them clad in high boots, corduroy breeches, and linen coats, and in company with three Dexter Angus bulls were shown on every cinema screen throughout the world at the time, and no doubt helped considerably to stimulate recruiting for the Women's Land Army.

COMING SOON

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A Green and Gold Face.

Most of the people who see "In the Beginning," the first of the "Back to Mesopotamia" cycle at the Court Theatre, will pause to marvel at the unusual and clever facial make-up of Miss Caroline Keith as the Serpent (says the *London Evening News*). It is in brilliant green grease paint, the whole of the face covered with it right up to the lips, eyes, and eyelids, on the latter of which are flecks of gold paint. A line of gold paint is traced just under the mouth, and flecks of it also occur about the face.

Colour in the House.

Lady Astor made a departure from her usual form by appearing in the House of Commons the other day wearing a pink carnation (observes the *Morning Post*). Hitherto she has strictly avoided any colours save black and white. Mrs. Winghamham has never departed from black and white. On the other hand Lady Torrington seems to revel in the rainbow and the colours she displays often give a welcome contrast to the sombre garments of the male members among whom she sits. She is bright to picturesqueness.

The Prince's Simple Bedroom.

The bedroom of the Prince of Wales at York House, where he was compelled to pass some considerable time recently, is simple in its furnishing—and equipment almost to the point of austerity (reports the *London Evening News*). Indeed, some who have seen it have compared it to the bare and gaudy room that served the Duke of Wellington at Dead Castle during the years that he occupied it as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. The Prince's room is of a character to strike a chill in the hearts of many of our "gilded youths" in the Albany and elsewhere, and well reflects the taste and character of his Royal Highness. Its principal ornaments are two striking portraits of the Queen and Princess Mary respectively.

No. 10's Housekeeper.

Although the Premier's charming daughter, Miss Isabel MacDonald, will be chaperone at No. 10, the domestic side of the household, will, I understand (says a *Star* writer) be in the very capable hands of Miss Bevoote. She has "mothered" the MacDonald family ever since the Prime Minister's wife died. Of the same nationality as Mr. MacDonald himself, she is no less capable in her own sphere than is the P.M. himself in his. She engaged the

domestic staff for the official residence, for maidservants are not permanently established there. It may be recalled that those of Mr. Baldwin wept as they left Downing Street.

Lady Louis's Baby.

Lady Louis Mountbatten's little daughter, I am told (says "Correspondent" in the *Evening Standard*), is "a very good baby," and sleeps most of her time. Her young mother made the sensible decision to order in advance only the essential articles of the baby's hygiene, leaving the more elaborate garments to be chosen later. The robes and cloaks already provided, are beautiful examples of fine French handiwork. Lady Louis has not imposed her own favourite shade—pink—on the new arrival, for the baby's cot is all white, and has none of the usual coloured ribbon bows on it.

A Student of Dickens.

Few perhaps are aware that Colonel Ward, the Labour M.P., who commanded the Labour Battalion in the war, is a great student of Dickens (remarks the *Daily Chronicle*). He has read over and over again all of Dickens's works, and in great measure bases his speeches on the sentiments of love and humanity which run through the whole of that novelist's writings. Speaking the other evening at the City Pictorial Club, the Colonel remarked on the curious fact that Dickens was the first writer to realise the good points of those colloquially known as the lower order, and of placing them in their right perspective.

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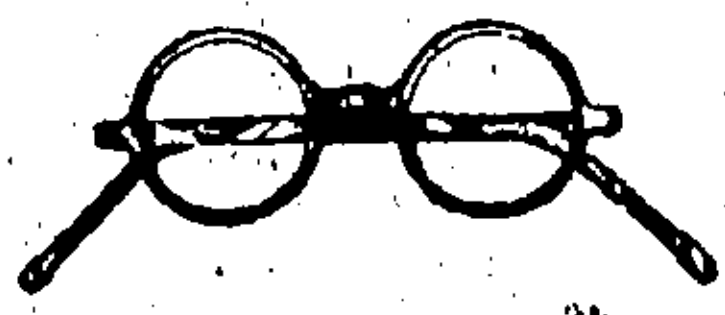
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Mrs. J. M. E. Machado, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alves and family beg to thank their numerous friends for the kind sympathy shown in their recent bereavement and also for their presence at the funeral.

FUNERAL.

The Funeral of the late Mr. Sin Tak Fan will take place on Saturday the 12th instant, the cortege leaving No. 21, Robinson Road at 2 p.m.

The cortege will halt at about 3 p.m. in the vicinity of the University Football Ground, Pokfulam Road, for the purpose of friends paying their last "Farewell."

BIRTH.

BERNARD.—On the 10th April at the Mount, 117, The Peak, Hongkong, to Betty (Nee Addis), the wife of D. G. M. Bernard, a daughter.

China Mail.

HONGKONG FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1924.

UNUSED SPACES.

We have to thank probably the world's highest paid publicist—Dr. Frank Crane—for directing our thoughts to a subject which has interested us for more years than we care to mention. Dr. Frank Crane tells the story of Mr. Lloyd George's tour through Canada; how the former Premier was taken through a region but little removed from the primitive wilderness; and how at the end of his tour he is supposed to have said:—"It is like passing through an endless picture gallery by a first-class artist. Why there should be slums in Europe when there is so much wealth here I do not know." Mr. Lloyd George's wonderment is the same as that puzzling quite a lot of us. It has a local application which should make some of us ponder. Dr. Crane asks: "Why should people

live in dirt and ugliness, bad smells and angry contention, where there is beauty and freedom and opportunity?" And he proceeds to suggest that one reason is perhaps that multitudes are cowardly and lazy. We can leave the Doctor to justify a somewhat sweeping statement. We content ourselves by stating a simple obvious fact that the herding instincts seem to be part and parcel of human nature. It is so in Hongkong, and likely always to be so amongst the Chinese where the suggestion of safety in numbers applies. Few will question that in certain parts of Hongkong we have a state of congestion that does us no credit; also that no real and appreciable effort has been made to people the open spaces which lie beyond Kowloon, and that even enlightened Europeans have failed to take advantage of rich opportunities to build and live in areas of wide dimensions, and amongst surroundings which make for peace and quietness of mind and to build up strength of body and of character and a sense of the beautiful. An exception must be made to this sweeping statement, and we make it in favour of the disinterested work of Mr. Montague Ede. There are objections to a wholesale trek to our open spaces. The nature of vested interests arises; the character of the employment undertaken by thousands of Chinese; a lack of quick and modern transportation and the unwillingness of capital to be attracted to schemes which may prove a not wholly remunerative risk. It is perhaps easier to write about our open spaces and suggest that they be peopled, than it is to indicate how it can be done. The matter becomes increasingly important as epidemics of small-pox and plague come and go, and leave conditions unchanged. A Government Commission might well be appointed to consider the matter and to devise ways and means to relieve the congestion now in existence and to suggest that in overcrowding there is increasing danger. Mr. H. G. Wells whose prophetic vein is well known, suggests in his "Men Like Gods" that in 25,000 years from now there will be no more great cities, and no more living in vast crowds. But why wait 25,000 years to have such an ideal state of existence? Why not commence now?

In Four Years.

"The experts assume that Germany's financial and economic situation will have returned to normal by the end of 1925-29." This is one of the many striking phrases in connection with the news of the reparation experts' findings. By 1929, if the suggestions are adopted, Germany will be almost in the same economic position that she was in before the war. In homely phrase:—"What about it?" Germany then will be a candidate for the world's trade as she was in those seemingly happy days of a generation ago. The stolidity and settled character of her people in general will be used in one ceaseless endeavour—the expansion of trade; her men of culture will again be engaged in extending the arts and sciences which hitherto made Germany famous, free from the wants and cares of the present day. Is the situation dangerous? Something of which to be afraid? We hope not. If we look at it aright, it is but the logical conclusion of a policy of right to a conquered foe, made not merely in the interest of that foe, but in the interest of the world at large. It is merely a clarion call to us who claim British race to gird ourselves as to another battle—just as stern as that other we speak of as the great war, but a battle in which the forces of industry and enterprise are waged not to devastate, but to build; not to create hate, but co-operation and an appreciation of the good things of life. The only thing that need concern us is—Has Germany gained any lesson from the trial she has undergone? Has she learned the chief lesson that honesty—especially of purpose—is the best thing? It is up to Britain and Britishers to stand by that firm trait and to demonstrate that it is still the foundation of all that is worth having.

The Man of Mystery.

An arresting pen picture of Herr Hugo Stinnes, "the Bismarck of German business," "the monster trust of trusts," whose death is reported in to-day's cables, was given recently by the American writer Mr. Isaac Marcossion, in the "Saturday Evening Post." Mystery and uncertainty, he said, envelop "this detached and uncommunicative entity," in aspect "almost forbidding" with his pale and heavy face, eyes tired almost to sadness, closely cropped black hair, shaggy brows, and hooked nose which give him a Semitic look, though he is in reality a Protestant. His whole physical appearance is essentially Oriental. Year in, year out he wears the same kind of loose, ill-fitting black suit, while "surmounting the large, square head in winter and summer is a fearsome black, hard, felt hat." "Yet," Mr. Marcossion said, "the moment you come into his presence you feel the inherent power and dogged purpose that have carried him so far. Those tired eyes gleam with alertness or glitter with resentment. The old-clo' man is suddenly transformed into a pillar of strength." Stinnes enlisted for his service a group of former Intelligence officers of the German Army, silent, imperturbable, coldly efficient men, among whom he was referred to as "The Principal." His actual name was never mentioned in speech or correspondence. It was part of the atmosphere of mystery that surrounded the organisation. Hugo, the eldest of Stinnes's four sons, who inherits much of his father's acumen, was required to attend every important conference that his parent held. When Hugo was not available, the second son, Eugen, attending college in Berlin, was called in. Stinnes did this on the theory that if he should die suddenly some member of his family should know what was going on and be qualified to step into the breach. His foresight has been justified sooner possibly than he bargained for!

Samuel Pepys in his SOMNUS.

often concluded an account of his day's doings with the phrase: "And so to bed." There is a sigh of contentment in the phrase that is almost as peaceful as sound sleep itself. We are always going to bed. Authorities are agreed that, in general, eight hours out of every twenty-four should be devoted to wooing the drowsy god. The argument is that there is a certain amount of wear and tear on the body, and Sleep is simply Nature's way of making repair equal to waste. To sleep soundly and well is to court success and to give the laugh audible to the germs of disease, dissolution and decay. Sound sleep tokens good health, and without health, life's tango, with all its possibilities, becomes flat, stale and unprofitable as the abuses of the world. Sleep is a gift for which we cannot be too grateful. It was so recognised by the poets. In the Iliad and the Odyssey the Homeric heroes took the gift of sleep. R. L. Stevenson in one of his beautiful prayers says:—"Give us to go blithely on our business all this day. Bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonoured and grant us in the end the gift of sleep."

It is always the gift of sleep. Unhappy those unable to command it, to rise with invigorated body, refreshed in mind as well, ready to meet the cares that daily beset us; to come again to repose and refreshment. Sleep on, and the cares which invest the day, will fold their tents like the Arabs and as silently sneak away."

Mr. A. E. Scott who LEFT left £239,533 destined to be carried on a farm wagon appropriately decorated, with men from his estate to act as bearers, each to be paid one sovereign. He left £2,200 for charities.

The Rev. Henry Finch, of Blundell, Lancashire, a Roman Catholic priest, left £2,100 for church and charity; his mines, beds of coal, fire clay, etc., in or under the farm called Naylor's in Upholland to St. Joseph's College, Upholland; £300 and furniture to his housekeeper, Elizabeth Shuttleworth; a year's wages to other servants. His "leavings" totalled £17,757.

With all the discussion that has proceeded regarding the question as to what constitutes a China pony, it is amazing to read that horses, and good ones at that, can be purchased at a half-penny a place. In Adelaide horses are being sold at half-penny a head because they are eating up the food of the sheep, owing to the high price of wool, are much more valuable. On one Station it is reported that 800 horses have

been shot and elsewhere hundreds have been destroyed in order to avoid losses in marketing. Given the figure quoted as being correct, and the horses in fair condition, it would seem worth while importing a few hundred into Hongkong. A half-penny for a horse, plus freight charges, should bring these "domestic" creatures within the reach of all and make Happy Valley a real race meeting.

A writer in a German newspaper, "the Bismarck of German business," "the monster trust of trusts," whose death is reported in to-day's cables, said that before his private wealth amounted to M. 35,000,000—gold marks, of course. His fortune since the war has been rather more difficult to estimate, because it is scattered over so many companies and in numerous countries. But financial circles, which followed his feverish activity with very considerable interest and attention held that he was now worth M. 140,000,000—gold. He had therefore quadrupled his wealth during the war and since. In paper, that fortune equals the dizzy figure of M. 7,000,000,000, so that Hugo Stinnes was a millionaire in paper marks 7,000 times over. Asked recently why he worked night and day piling up millions, he replied: "It is for my children." He leaves two sons and a daughter.

Is it permissible to suggest to those who made great play with the subject—"Where the Church has failed"—and the others who did not, that Shanghai's example might well be followed in dealing with a matter with which at present only a few are concerned, but with which the many might possibly be glad to be identified. Shanghai is building a Community Church. When erected it will be used for dival service on Sundays and for basket ball and as a gymnasium on week days. This surely seems to be in accord with the times—a mixing of the ideal and the practical; a Church belonging to the community and in which the community has a real part. In this way the denominations are brought to one level and so far as we can see lose nothing thereby. It seems a sensible position to adopt in the Far East where people are continually moving and where united effort is more certain of success than are the efforts seemingly of diverse denominations. We simply treat the matter as a business proposition. The word community out here appeals to us. We should like to see the spirit of it more and more in our counsels and in our friendships.

Some may wonder how newspapers get hold of photographs of local or national celebrities. A London journalist tells the following story about a photograph which may be true or not:—

A Scottish poet sent me his photograph, and continually wrote asking me to use it because he had published a book of poems. Months afterwards, on the night he returned from his honeymoon, he fell down a mine and was killed. I used his photograph the next day!

And he adds the following:—"Chorus girls generally must often have wondered why expensive photographers in the West-End are so anxious to photograph them for nothing. Little do they know that it is on the off-chance that, one day, they will marry a marquis, or be mixed up in some dope scandal. Then the photographs are worth quite a lot of money."

To-day's Poem.

(Leaves.)

Leaves are green arpeggios to the wind's touch, to the rain, crescendo, diminuendo, over and over again. For a theme? only a word woven with your hope, my dream. —Francis Dickinson Pinder.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

APRIL 11.

1594. A rain continued very sore, more than 24 hours long, and with such a wind from the North, as peared the walls of houses, were they never so strong. —Shaw.

UNPOPULAR.

Most of the fashionable pleasures are too miserable to bear thinking about. That is why intellect is so unpopular. —Bernard Shaw.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 11.—Coronet Theatre: "Parted Curtains."
April 11.—Star Theatre, Kowloon: "The Royal Russian Ballet" also Wallace Reid in "Always Audacious."

April 11.—World Theatre: "The Woman Who Fooled Herself."

April 13.—Coronet Theatre: "Poor Men's Wives."

April 11-16.—Sermons for a Lenten Mission by Rev. R. B. Schmitz, S.J., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 6 p.m.

April 11.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

April 12.—Public Dinner to Sir William Ross Davies at Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.

April 23.—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

April 26.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.

April 14.—H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament: Ng Sze-kwong v. T. Honda, 4 p.m.

April 10 and 21.—H.K. Jockey Club 2nd extra race meetings.

LAND SALE.

April 14.—At P.W.D. Offices, a lot of Crown land at Kennedy Town, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

April 14.—Lammert Bros. at "Lauren Villas," 11 Chatham Rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

April 16.—Lammert Bros. at 6 Cathick St., Kennedy Town, two complete sets rattan and cane sitting machinery, etc., 8 p.m.

April 16.—Lammert Bros. at 6 Cathick St., Kennedy Town, Dover cooking stoves, etc., 8 p.m.

June 11.—Lammert Bros. at the premises of the H.K. Tramway Co., Ltd., Bowrington Canal Rd., East, steam driven electric generating plant, 8 p.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

April 11.—All interested in proposal to form a Hongkong "Portfaring Assn." to meet at No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ground Floor, opposite Star Ferry at 6 p.m.

April 14.—Annual meeting of the Society of St. George in the City Hall, 5.15 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Four cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

The Sacred Heart School first annual athletic sports will be held to-morrow at the Race Course, commencing at 12.30 p.m. Prizes will be distributed by Mr. Fitz-Gibbon.

A new manse for Pastor of the Union Church has been provided at No. 400, The Peak (Severn Road). The old manse, adjoining the Union Church has been sold and is to be pulled down and two new houses erected on the site.

Supplementing the excellent programme the Royal Russian Ballet are giving in the Star Theatre is a first-rate movie play, "Always Audacious," featuring Wallace Reid in one of the very best roles of his varied cinema career.

To-morrow, the funeral of Mr. Sin Tak-fan, J.P., will start from No. 21, Robinson Road at 2 p.m. The cortege will make a halt near the University recreation ground at about 3 p.m. for friends to pay their last respects to the deceased gentleman.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday of Sergt. A. E. Woodward, of East Surrey, and Miss Mabel Blunsdon, eldest daughter of Mr. William Blunsdon, of Whitfield, North Point. Following the ceremony there was a reception at North Point, after which the newly married pair left to spend their honeymoon at Canton.

On April 3, in St. John's Church, Hankow, the marriage was solemnized of Sylvia May, daughter of Mrs. and the late Henry A. Kelly, to Mr. Ernest Godfrey Byrne, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Byrne. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. C. S. Trivett, M.A., B.D. The Church was beautifully decorated with Marguerites and bamboo with arches of apple blossom in the chancel. The bride was given away by Mr. H. C. Pearce and wore a charming ivory crepe georgette gown heavily beaded with crystals. Her hat was of georgette and lace. She carried a large bouquet of white carnations and fern; her only ornament being a diamond and platinum pendant, the gift of the groom.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The seventeenth ordinary annual meeting of Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd. was held this morning at the Company's office 8, Queen's Road Central. Mr. C. H. Lyson presided and supporting him were Messrs. S. C. Pank (Managing Director) Lau Po-wing (Director), C. Bond (Secretary Manager) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. H. Oxberry, D. Rumjahn, Chow Kung-sang, S. Tamachil, Pang Kwok-fat, Leung Yan-po and Pang Kwok-tung. In presenting the annual report, the Chairman said:—

I am pleased to inform you that the net profit for the year under review is \$15,228.54 which is an increase of \$2,694.34 on the previous year, and considering that the Coast Ports in South China have been practically closed for business owing to internal troubles and also taking into consideration that we have been compelled to cut our prices to meet the keen competition which have prevailed owing to stress of business, your Directors consider that the balance sheet as placed before you is a very satisfactory one and they trust it will meet with the approval of the shareholders. With reference to the item of \$2,000 shown in profit and loss account, "Repairs to Property" I may state that owing to the heavy rains prevalent in the early months of the year 1923 the roof of our Godown No. 150 Praya East was found to be badly leaking, therefore we were compelled to have an entirely new roof placed over this godown, as it contained perishable goods.

90 cents dividend. The net profit of \$15,228.54 together with the balance of \$1,392.72 brought forward from the previous year and loss account for 1922 makes a total credit of \$16,621.26 which your Directors recommend to be disposed of as follows:—To pay a dividend of 90 cents per share on 18,105 shares which will absorb \$16,294.50 and to carry forward the balance of \$326.76 to this year's account. In conclusion, gentlemen, your Directors are of opinion that the year under review has been a successful one and I think you will join me in taking this opportunity to thank the staff for the assiduity shown during the year, and I sincerely trust with their co-operation we shall be able to place better results before you at the next annual meeting. With these few remarks I have much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and after they have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions the shareholders may desire to put.

Appreciation. In seconding the adoption of the Directors' report and statement of accounts, Mr. J. H. Oxberry said:—"I am sure the shareholders will be satisfied with the year's workings as we are all aware that the year under review has been a very bad one as far as business generally is concerned. Speaking personally, I can assure you that our different brands are well represented all over the Colony and considering that our harbour business has been seriously affected owing to Prohibition Act in the United States I consider great credit is due to our Directors and the management for placing such a creditable balance sheet before us. (Applause.)"

Mr. Oxberry added that though business had been very bad they could probably look forward to the next year and that though they were at present below the average, he hoped and was certain they would regain their usual average, next year of 10 per cent.

A resolution proposed by Mr. C. Bond and seconded by Mr. D. Rumjahn "that Mr. C. H. Lyson be re-elected a Director of the Company for the ensuing year" was carried unanimously.

The resolution that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be elected auditors of the Company at a fee of \$750 for the ensuing year was passed on the proposal and seconded by Messrs. S. C. Pank and Lau Po-wing.

Mr. J. H. Oxberry proposed and Mr. Leung Yam-po seconded a resolution increasing the Directors' fees to \$750 per year.

Before the meeting closed, the Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THAT TENNIS MATCH.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Permit me to congratulate you on your report of the Ng Sze-kwong—Honda tennis match. I have read all the accounts of this match which have appeared in the papers and am much struck with the pains your critic has taken to present a full, fair, and interesting account of the proceedings without descending to what seems sheer pettiness. Yours, etc., A. PLATER.

Hongkong, April 10.

BANK V. BROKER. EXCHANGE ACTION VERDICT MR. MODY LOSES CASE, Chief Justice's Last Judgment.

The retiring Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) sat on the Bench at the Supreme Court for the last time to-day when he delivered his reserved judgment in the case in which the Bank of East Asia sued Mr. J. H. N. Mody, the exchange broker, for the recovery of \$77,000 odd in connection with a contract with the Banque Industrielle de Chine which he guaranteed.

The case. At the hearing, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny & Bowley) appeared for the Bank and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. with Mr. Campbell Prosser (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist) for Mr. Mody.

The Bank sued the defendant for \$77,434.86 which they claimed to be due from him as guarantor of a contract made between them and the Banque Industrielle de Chine, dated June 7, 1921, for the purchase by the plaintiffs of \$10,000.

As set out by the statement of claim the facts were that on June 7, 1921, a contract was arranged through Mr. Mody by which the Bank of East Asia arranged to buy \$10,000 sterling from the Banque Industrielle de Chine at 2/2 T.T. This sum was to be delivered in London "to-morrow" to the plaintiffs' agents, the London Joint City and Midland Bank. On the same day that the contract was made the plaintiffs, in consideration thereof, paid \$77,434.86 to the Hongkong branch of the Banque. The Banque, however, failed to deliver the \$10,000 to the plaintiffs' London agents and had also failed to repay any portion of the \$77,434.86 paid to the local branch of the Banque. The plaintiffs therefore claimed the last mentioned sum from Mr. Mody on the grounds that he guaranteed the contract and that they had declined to enter into the contract unless it was guaranteed by him.

The defence was that without Mr. Mody's consent the plaintiffs, by their agents in London, altered the terms of the contract, thereby prejudicing him and depriving him of his remedy wherefore he claimed that he is discharged from his guarantee and the plaintiffs are estopped.

There was a counterclaim by Mr. Mody for \$5,926.47 in respect of brokerage, etc. This the plaintiffs did not dispute and the Chief Justice gave judgment on it in the defendant's favour, reserving the questions of interest and costs for argument later.

His Lordship's Decision. Giving judgment this morning His Lordship pointed out that the chief issue in the case hung on the question whether there was or was not a binding agreement entered into in London between the plaintiffs' agents, the London Joint City and Midland Bank, and the Banque Industrielle de Chine which amounted to a variation of the contract and consequently to a release of the surety. This question, the Chief Justice thought, was devoid of much difficulty and he had come without doubt to a decision upon it. After reviewing the arguments of counsel and the authorities quoted, His Lordship remarked: "I have said enough, I think, to give effect to my opinion that there is no evidence before me of any binding agreement to give time to the debtor, i.e., of an agreement capable of enforcement for valuable consideration which will discharge the surety." There was, His Lordship further observed, no duty on the part of the plaintiffs to notify the defendant of performance or non-performance of the contract and therefore the question of laches or neglect of duty raised did not arise. "There is in my opinion," the Chief Justice concluded, "no defence to the action and there must be judgment for the plaintiffs with costs."

"Friendly Little Arguments." A fairly lengthy and at times heated argument then took place between Mr. Potter and Mr. Alabaster on the deferred question of costs on the counter-claim. Mr. Potter argued that as the plaintiff had all along admitted their liability in respect of the brokerage the matter should have been settled in Chambers without briefing counsel to come into court.

Mr. Alabaster replied that the plaintiffs had refused to pay over the money and His Lordship observed that if the plaintiffs had, in the first place, paid over the money they admitted to be due no counter-claim would have been necessary. "I shall often," His Lordship told Mr. Potter, in announcing that he had decided to award costs on the counter-claim,

"remember the friendly little arguments between you and Mr. Alabaster."

As His Lordship left the Bench he passed and, turning around, took a last wistful look at the seat he has so long occupied with distinction.

HUGO STINNES DEAD. GERMANY'S INDUSTRIAL KING. AMAZING CAREER.

"MORE POWERFUL THAN THE KAISER."

BERLIN, April 10.
Hugo Stinnes is dead.

[Stinnes was the wealthiest and most influential man in Germany. In 1897 his father, a mineowner, left him a fortune of nine million gold marks (£450,000). His own fortune just before the war is said to have been about 40 millions of gold marks. His fortune at the present day was estimated at more than a thousand millions of paper marks. In the war Stinnes was the chief contractor for war material, especially iron and steel.]



Hugo Stinnes.

"He is far more powerful than the Kaiser ever was." That is what the *Manchester Guardian's* Berlin correspondent said of Herr Hugo Stinnes. As Dr. Walter Rathenau the new German Foreign Minister, is accounted the most able, so Herr Stinnes was reputed to be the wealthiest and most influential man in Germany. His fortune was estimated at more than a thousand millions of marks. He was the chief contractor for war material in the war and since 1917 he had been busy buying up newspapers, of which he owned sixty. Slowly he had become the controlling power in the German People's Party and since the peace he had been considered as the leading spirit in the German political situation. He owned nearly all the German canal and river steamship lines and a big proportion of German transmarine steamship company shares. Together with half a dozen other industrial magnates he controlled nearly all the factories and natural resources of the Rhineland and the Ruhr Valley.

The newspapers bought up by Stinnes included the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*; until then the semi-official organ of the German and Prussian Governments. His influence on German public opinion had grown incessantly. No other newspapers could compete with his. He could afford to pay the highest salaries and to keep correspondents abroad (a thing very few German newspapers could afford to do). He had his own German forests, so that he paid less for paper than anyone else, and was independent of the fluctuations in the foreign exchange.

He owned more shares in non-German concerns than any other German. He owned nearly all the German canal and river steamship lines and a big proportion of German transmarine steamship company shares. Several of the finest German hotels were his.

"His aim was that he himself and a few others should control the raw materials and manufactured goods in the primary industries of Germany. To this end he was gradually welding the coal industry, the iron and steel concerns, and the great banks that finance them into one gigantic trust. The Stinnes group now controls the greater part of Germany's coal, iron, and steel supply. Last year the great coal and iron trusts absorbed some of the biggest metal-finishing concerns in the country."

Amongst them the Siemens electrical products group. The greatest of the Stinnes combines is the Rhine-Elbe Union, which produces 16,000,000 tons of coal yearly and owns innumerable smelting and steel works.

POLICE RAID.

Believed to be the rendezvous of some Yunnanese military officers, the ground and first floors of No. 11 Fung Wong Terrace, Wanchai, has been raided by officers of the Criminal Intelligence Department. After a search lasting nearly two hours nothing incriminating was found and no arrest was made. It is stated that the police were on the look-out for arms.

"remember the friendly little arguments between you and Mr. Alabaster."

As His Lordship left the Bench he passed and, turning around, took a last wistful look at the seat he has so long occupied with distinction.

THE NOBLE ART. BOXING TOURNAMENT AT THE V.R.C. TO CONTINUE TO-NIGHT.

The art of boxing in all its varied phases was amply demonstrated at the opening of the Victoria Recreation Club's tournament last night. The bravest novices to the most expert and scientific amateurs provided a full evening's entertainment which promises to be repeated to-night and to-morrow. The contestants were all willing, though in some cases the training they were well varied. Thirty-two bouts were on the card for the two sessions, and though several of the contestants failed to appear, several knock-outs outlived the proceedings and maintained interest until the end.

The ring, erected over in the centre of the swimming bath, was so staged as to be visible from all parts of the surrounding arena. It is needless to repeat that the V.R.C. swimming bath is so built as to be convertible into an ideal arena for a swimming gala, or boxing tournament.

Noteworthy features of the programme were the cleverly fought bouts between the schoolboys, several of whom showed a talent and grasp of boxing principles which outlasted the older competitors.

Brief results were as follows:—
MEN BANTAMWEIGHTS.
Stoker Smith (8st 3 lbs.) H.M.S. "Carlsle" lost on points to E. Way (8st 4 lbs.) in a fairly even bout.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS (BOYS, 76 to 90 lbs.).
K. Evans, K.B.S., and B. Baloros, S.J.C., gave a clever display the former winning on a foul in the last round. Both boys fought well but Baloros punched his opponent twice whilst the latter was on the boards, and the referee had no option but to disqualify him.

B. Fernandez, S.J.C., showed style in his fight with L. Throne, G.S. His left swing was very effective and did most of the scoring. Throne fought pluckily. The verdict went to Fernandez.

H. H. Hackett, K.B.S., and S. Espino, S.J.C., scratched to Norman S. McKay, D.B.S., and D. Stevens, K.B.S., respectively.

Lightweights (Men)—O.S.J. Bland (H.M.S. "Despatch") was given the verdict over S. Marcell (V.R.C.) after the full three rounds. Marcell showed promise.

A.B.C. Cushion (H.M.S. "Carlsle") finished his bout with Pte. Marsell (E. Surveys) in short time, by administering the K.O. in the first round. He was decidedly the superior boxer.

Gnr. Harding, R.G.A., defeated Pte. Piper, East Surveys, on points after three rounds. The men were sparring in the first two rounds. Piper drew blood.

L/Cpl. Williams, East Surveys, was awarded the fight over J. Stewart, V.R.C., on a foul which seemed not to be in popular favour.

Tel. B. Emerson, H.M.S. "Marazion", passed into the next round, through O. S. W. Rolfe, H.M.S. "Despatch", having scratched.

Lightweights (Boys 65 to 75 lbs.).
Alfred Mooney, D.B.S., and G. Danenberg, S.J.C., gave quite a lively exhibition. Danenberg did most of the landing and won.

K. Jenner, K.B.S., won over J. C. Conway, G.S. The former was the heavier and had the longer reach, but Conway had a good defence and fought back very pluckily.

FEATHERWEIGHTS (MEN).
Sto. Rambridge, (H.M.S. "Ambrose") deserved the victory over Pte. F. Cooper, (East Surveys). The Stoiker was the shorter but much the stronger man, and scored freely with left and right.

Pte. F. Joy, East Surveys, defeated J. Marshall, V.R.C. There was much head pummeling and Marshall had to retire in the third round.

E. P. Sousa, V.R.C., was given a walk over by A. R. Ayun, Naval Yard.

The fight between L. S. Codner, H.M.S. "Carlsle", and L/Sgt. Kordulka, East Surveys, was soon over. The Sergeant was down for the full count in the first round.

HEAVYWEIGHTS (BOYS, LIMIT 128 lbs.).
W. Matching, K.B.S., and F. Samy, D.B.S., treated the spectators to a fine scrap, the Kowloon lad eventually retiring.

D. Leonard, S.J.C., fought pluckily against Allen S. Pang, D.B.S., until he retired.

R. Diaz, S.J.C., and C. Figuerido, S.J.C., went the full three rounds before Diaz was declared the winner.

STOLEN CHEQUES. THEFT FROM STEAMER CABINET. MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION.

Seventeen travellers' cheques were stolen from Mrs. F. M. Koch on board the "President Lincoln" on Tuesday. During the fifteen minutes or so that she was in the dining-room shortly after 7 p.m., it is surmised that somebody entered her cabin and took the cheques.

On Wednesday she notified the American Express Co. on whom the cheques were issued and the numbers were sent to the police. That day a Chinese is alleged to have presented one of the cheques (for \$20) to the bank where he was questioned by Mr. W. S. Marsh through an interpreter. Not getting a satisfactory answer, Mr. Marsh detained the man who was later taken into police custody.

This morning he appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell on a charge of receiving the cheque when Detective Sergeant Dorling who prosecuted, said that Mrs. Koch had left on the "President Lincoln" but he had interviewed her. His Worship ruled that what Mrs. Koch said to Sergeant Dorling was not evidence and it was ultimately decided to alter the charge to one of unlawful possession.

Defendant stated that somebody gave him the cheque and pleaded "not guilty." The case was then put back for Mr. Marsh's interpreter to be called to give evidence.

Later in the morning evidence was taken and His Worship imposed sentence of three months' hard labour.

THIEF CHASED. MAN WHO STOLE COATS FROM FOOTBALLERS.

An epidemic of thefts from the coats of footballers at Happy Valley occurred last year but police vigilance seems to have prevented it this year. This morning Chan Lee, a man, was sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment for the larceny of a jacket from a pitch at Happy Valley.

Divisional Inspector Aris, of Wanchai Station, informed His Worship (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) that after taking the jacket, defendant proceeded to the Naval ground where he attempted to repeat his misdeed when he was chased and caught by a Naval officer. Defendant pleaded guilty.

HEAVYWEIGHTS (MEN).
Pte. Eaton, East Surveys, and Gnr. Harle, R.G.A., received walk-overs from Gnr. Ettringham, R.G.A., and Gnr. Barker, R.G.A., respectively.

Gnr. Mitchell, R.G.A., won from Gnr. Reade, R.G.A.

A very even contest was witnessed between L/Cpl. Bennett, East Surveys, and Gnr. Sherman, R.G.A. The fight went the full three rounds and in order to arrive at a decision, a further minute's boxing was ordered. Sherman had the better of the closing exchanges and was awarded the fight.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS (MEN).
L/Cpl. Sullivan, East Surveys, retired with a damaged hand in the third round of his fight with L. S. H. Pentold, H.M.S. "Titania".

In the fight between A. B. W. Edwards, H.M.S. "Carlsle", and L. Cpl. Hill, of East Surveys Hill landed a stinging right to the jaw which sent his opponent to the boards. Edwards rose groggy and Hill added the final tap.

Gnr. Newman, R.G.A., retired soon when Pte. B. Churchley, East Surveys started hitting.

The last fight of the evening was between Pte. Pooley, East Surveys, and Sto. Hannabus, H.M.S. "Ambrose". Pooley forced Hannabus to retire.

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DESTROYER PATROLS LEAVE.

MANILA, April 10.
The destroyers "Truxton" and "Jones" left for Yokohama, and thence will proceed to the Kurile Islands to act as a patrol for the American round-the-world aviators. The remaining destroyers leave for China to-morrow.

Tokyo, April 10.
The American destroyers "Pope" and "John D. Ford", of which the commanders, Frost and McLean, volunteered for the trip to the Kurile Islands, left Yokohama to-day with supplies for the American round-the-world flight.

Commander Ford goes to Kashiwhu Bay, Paranauchir Island, while the "Pope" goes to Bettobi, Yokohama Island.

Both destroyers carry Japanese military mail officers, the latter acting as pilots, and also American language officers and newspapermen.

Four Japanese destroyers are leaving the naval station at Omnipa for the same destination.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

RUSSIAN BALLET. STAR THEATRE'S BIG ATTRACTION.

The Russian Ballet at the Star Theatre last night attracted an appreciative audience. The company gave a typical revue performance, with a strange to say, nothing of the Russian in it. Yet what they did attempt was well done, light, musical and refreshing and a breezy diversion which added the finishing touch to a judiciously selected cinema programme. The Russian artists proved themselves to be versatile. Their contributions last night, either in solo or ensemble, were light and airy and went with a swing from the start. The Wallace Reid picture and Baby Peggy in one of her delightful comedies entirely satisfied.

BIG ARMS HAUL. RIVER STEAMER FIND.

WHOLESALE SMUGGLING.

Another startling discovery of arms on a river steamer has been made.

In the cargo hold of the Hongkong-Wuchow steamer "Sieg Ming", Revenue Officers discovered 24 Mauser pistols and over 2,000 rounds of ammunition. No arrest was made at the time.

It is not known if the concealment was in any way connected with an attempted piracy. From the experience of previous seizures it seems as if the contraband was being smuggled away up-country as one coincidence of illicit arms deals in the interior is that a hundred rounds of ammunition must go with each weapon.

ONLY SMOKE. HARMLESS FIRE CAUSES PANIC.

Long blasts on a police whistle were heard coming from the back-lane between Alexandra Building and Messrs. Lane, Crawford's establishment about 11:15 this morning. Many people were attracted to the place but they could see nothing beyond a number of Chinese frantically running about in Alexandra Building.

From subsequent inquiries it was gathered that a mechanic was doing some repair work and he had a lighted stove near the verandah above Messrs. Watson's premises. He was fanning the stove and produced such a volume of smoke that somebody on an upper floor thought a fire had broken out. This man blew his whistle for over a minute until the cause of the smoke was found. Shortly afterwards the mechanic put his fire out and the panic subsided.

BASKET BALL LEAGUE. CHAMPIONSHIP NOW COMPLETED.

Now that the Hongkong Basketball League, has been completed, the championship shield presented by the American A. Club, Hongkong, has been won by the Railway Recreation Club, this year. The following played for the winners—Lai Yau Kit (Capt.), Shek Wing-kwan, Wan Kwong-ting, Ny Jo-lau, Leo Shun-wah, Wong Topping, Sung Yeu-tak and Leo Hoping. The Chinese Y.M.C.A. won in the years 1922 and 1923.

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Kowloon British School..... 6 2 4 2
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CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY.

Peking, April 10.

The Manchurian reply to the French Minister's Memorandum points out that China contributed Taels 5,000,000 towards the establishment of the Russian Bank, the nationality of which was Russian. The constitution and management of the Chinese Eastern Railway was entrusted to that Bank under the direction of a Chinese president. In 1920 a revised agreement was reached between China and the Russian Bank whereby China took over control of the Chinese Eastern Railway pending China's recognition of the Russian Government, and an agreement between China and the Russian Government regarding the railway. The present Sino-Russian negotiations were strictly in accordance with the 1920 agreement, which the Manchurian points out, contains no provision requiring the previous concurrence of the Russian Bank in any agreement concerning the Chinese Eastern Railway which may be reached between China and Russia. The Manchurian further points out that the said Bank is a purely Russian concern and no other country has any right to interfere in its affairs.

The note adds that, owing to political disturbances in Russia, the said Bank was placed under French protection, the Manchurian in 1920 gave the French Legation reasons why China could not recognise such protection. The French Memorandum declared that the French Government would protect against any alteration in the existing management of the Chinese Eastern Railway but according to the agreement of 1920, article 1, C.E.R. stocks can only be held by Chinese or Russians. The renewed agreement of 1920 contains a similar provision. If any other party has any dealing with the Russian Bank, it is a matter of their own concern and the Chinese Government regrets that it cannot accept such a protest. The French Memorandum refers to Dr. Wellington Koo's declaration at the Washington Conference regarding the Chinese Eastern Railway. The Manchurian points out in this connection, that such declaration referred to China's position from the point of view of China's legitimate sovereign rights and China's responsibilities. In short, the C.E.R. was an enterprise in which the Chinese and the Russians only were concerned. This was provided in the agreements, and the Chinese Government, acting in accordance with these agreements, believe that the French Minister will appreciate its position.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

CUP AND LEAGUE PROSPECTS.

Football at home will soon be drawing to a close. On April 26 the Cup Final will be decided at Wembley between Aston Villa and Newcastle United. Both teams have excellent Cup traditions; although league form is no criterion for a cup-tie it will be noticed that they are close to one another in the league table. Accordingly it would be rash to predict who will carry off the trophy but it is safe to assume that the thousands who will flood Wembley will be treated to a first-class exhibition of football.

On May 3 the last league fixtures will be decided and beyond a few charity matches the season closes. It looks as if the burning questions of relegation in the English and Scottish first leagues will have been decided before then. No record of the second and third divisions are sent out here but from what appears in the latest mails it looks as if the struggles for promotion will be keen to the end.

Sunderland heads the way in the league table with 50 points for 37 matches. Bolton are second with 2 points less but they have played 39 matches and therefore can get a maximum of 6 more. Huddersfield who have been playing brilliantly since they were knocked out of the Cup, have also 48 points but they have 3 matches in hand of the leaders. After occupying first place for more than half the season, Cardiff City have dropped back to fourth place with 45 points for 35 matches. The issue seems to lie between Sunderland and Huddersfield and the former have an easier programme as they have to meet the Arsenal (twice), West Bromwich (twice) and Chelsea (away), all lowly-placed teams.

Chelsea appear to be doomed to accompany Middlesbrough to the second division in spite of the assistance of Andy Wilson the Scottish international forward and two Corinthians, Howard and A. G. Duggart.

Glasgow Rangers will require a lot of beating to lose first place in the Scottish league as they are well ahead of Airdrie and Celtic their nearest rivals. At the bottom, about half a dozen teams are struggling to avoid relegation. Football seems to have had a very successful season at home and on the whole, the remaining results will be watched with interest.

LEAGUE TABLES.

(Up to April 5.)

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Sunderland	37	21	8	8	50
Bolton	39	17	8	14	48
Huddersfield	34	21	7	6	48
Cardiff City	35	17	7	11	45
Sheffield U.	36	16	9	11	43
Blackburn R.	38	16	12	11	43
Aston Villa	38	15	11	12	42
Everton	38	14	11	13	41
Newcastle U.	37	14	13	10	38
Nottingham	36	12	10	14	38
West H. U.	36	11	11	14	36
Birmingham	36	12	12	12	36
Liverpool	37	12	15	10	34
Manchester C.	35	12	13	10	34
Tottenham H.	35	10	12	13	33
Burnley	35	11	14	10	32
W. Brom.	35	9	13	13	31
Preston N.E.	37	10	18	9	29
Nottingham F.	37	10	18	9	29
Arsenal	35	10	17	8	28
Chelsea	37	5	18	14	24
Middlesbrough	38	7	25	6	20

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Rangers	34	22	4	8	52
Airdrieonians	36	20	8	8	48
Celtic	36	17	8	11	45
Raith Rovers	35	17	11	7	41
Hibernians	34	14	11	9	37
Hearts	36	13	13	10	36
Partick T.	33	14	11	8	36
Dundee	33	13	13	10	36
Aberdeen	36	13	13	10	36
St. Mirren	33	12	11	11	35
Greenock M.	36	14	16	6	34
Hamilton A.	35	13	16	6	32
Motherwell	35	13	17	5	31
Ayr United	35	11	15	9	31
Queen's Park	33	12	15	6	30
Falkirk	36	12	18	6	30
Kilmarnock	35	11	16	8	30
Third Lanark	36	11	19	6	28
Clydebank	35	11	19	5	27
Clyde	36	9	18	9	27

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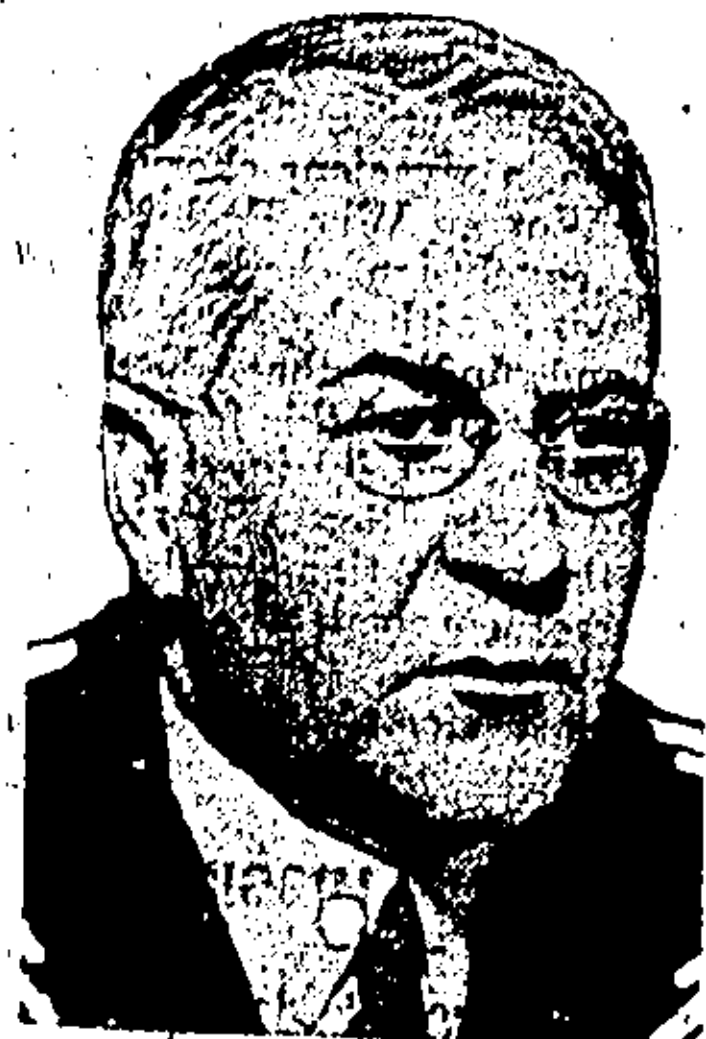
Miss Adela Mercer, City Councilman of Westminster, and Guardian of the Poor of the City of London, was received at the White House by President Coolidge, with whom she discussed the new Labour Ministry in England and child welfare.



This is the latest photograph of M. Kalinin, present President of the Russian Union, who presides over the sessions of All-Soviet Congress in Moscow. Since the death of Lenin, Kalinin has forged to the front as a leader of the Soviet.



Photo by Central News. Block by Nam Sun.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his younger daughter spending a week-end at Chequers, the official country residence of Britain's Prime Ministers.



Although it would save him millions of dollars, United States Senator James C. Couzens, of Michigan, who made his millions as a partner of Henry Ford, is fighting the proposal to reduce huge surtaxes on immense incomes, as proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon.



Hon. Anton Pipp, first Minister from Esthonia to America, has just presented his credentials to President Coolidge.



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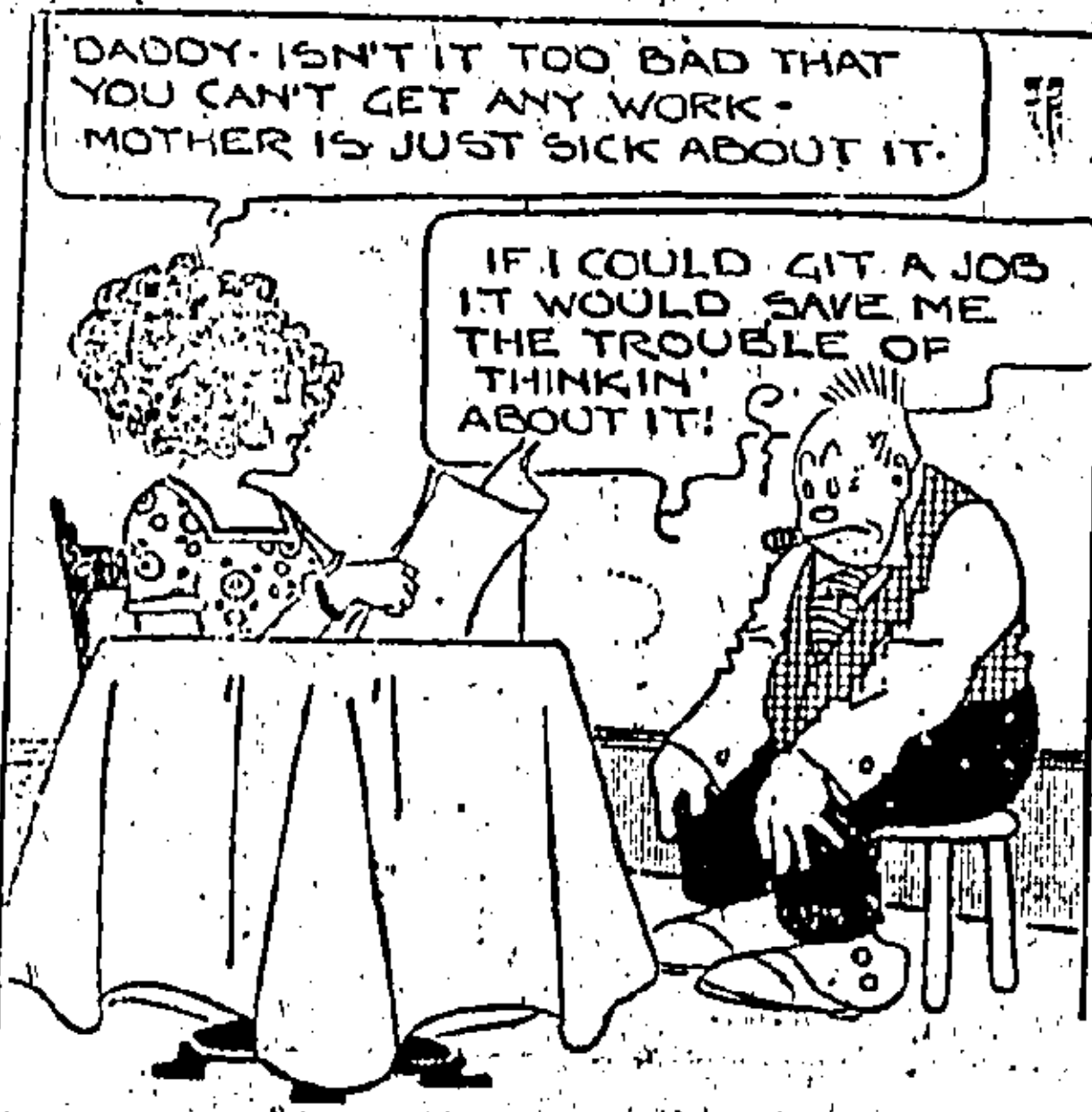
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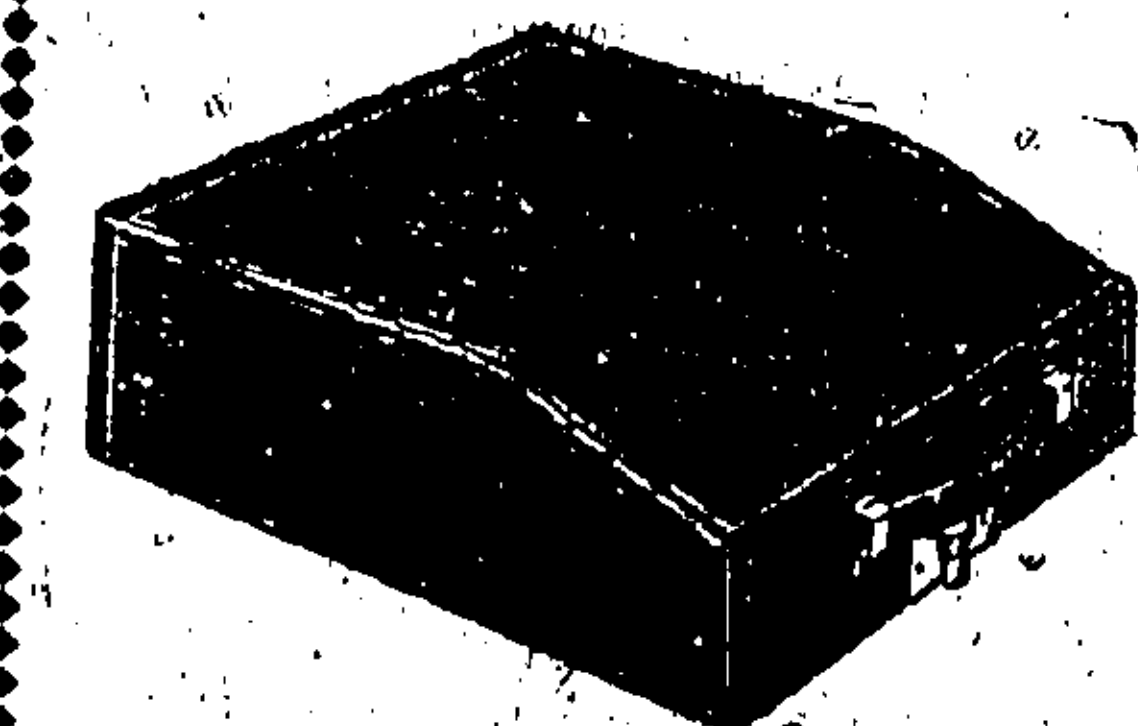
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